



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for City-Funded Maintenance of Landscape Areas for 2008

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2007

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for City-funded maintenance of landscape areas for 2008.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This project provides for the contract maintenance of 168 landscaped sites in the public right-of-way, public buildings, parking lots, the Multimodal Station and the White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility. In the past year, additional sites were added that included the center median on Lower Sacramento Road south of Kettleman Lane and Westgate Drive. The total acreage of this contract now exceeds 45 acres.

This bid consists of three separate groups: Group A – Maintenance of Turf and Miscellaneous Landscape Areas, Group B – Maintenance of Lower Sacramento Road and Adjacent Landscape Areas, and Group C – Maintenance of Cherokee Lane and Adjacent Landscape Areas. The groups may be awarded separately to multiple contractors or together as one contract.

The level of maintenance will continue at the current frequency of once a month compared to the weekly service done in fiscal year 03/04. This has had a minimal impact on the overall appearance of the sites, although we do have an increased number of complaints about the maintenance. Staff feels the sites are at an overall acceptable level of appearance.

The specifications are on file in the Public Works Department.

FISCAL IMPACT: This current annual contract of \$210,275 maintains the existing landscape sites at a frequency level of once a month. Note that this work is separate from the landscape maintenance locations included in the various Landscape Maintenance Assessment Districts that have been established in new developments. Maintenance work at those locations is done more frequently.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: The money for this project will be coming from the 2007/08 Operating Budget – General Fund, Utility and Transit accounts (102011, 170403, 3215036, 210801, 180453, 103511, 170404, 3215042, 125052, 160652).
Budgeted: 2007/08 fiscal year

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